

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application as amended herein. This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2007. Claims 1-29 stand rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1, 13, 20 and 26 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner has rejected claims 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 26-29 have been amended to direct the presently claimed invention to statutory subject matter.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chapin, (U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0231328, hereinafter "Chapin"). As discussed below, the pending claims are patentable over the above references.

Chapin discloses a multiple printer driver that controls operation of multiple printers on a network. Responsive to a request for a print job, the driver determines which printer is to be used for the print job based on predetermined criteria.

The Examiner acknowledges that Chapin does not disclose having virtual machine monitors (VMMs) but asserts that it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have a control device in Chapin be a VMM. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Chapin's control device referred to by the Examiner is a controller/logic analyzer 20, which is a single component of a driver. Such a driver component cannot be interpreted as multiple VMMs in a VM environment, as claimed in the present invention. Moreover, Chapin does not teach or suggest having a privileged event that cannot be handled by guest software in

the VM environment, detecting an occurrence of such a privileged event in the VM environment, and then determining which one of the VMMs should handle this privileged event. Thus, Chapin does not teach or suggest the above limitations of the present invention that are included in the following language of claim 1:

... detecting an occurrence of a privileged event in a virtual machine (VM) environment having guest software and a plurality of virtual machine monitors (VMMs), wherein the privileged event is not to be handled by the guest software; determining which one of the plurality of VMMs is to handle the privileged event; and transitioning control to said one of the plurality of VMMs.

Similar limitations are also included in independent claims 13, 20 and 26. Thus, the present invention as claimed in claims 1, 13, 20 and 26, and their corresponding dependent claims, is patentable over Chapin. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Marina Portnova at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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